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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ENTERS GRAFT INQUIRY

Serious Disclosures Affecting Police Prompt U. S. Officials to Investigate.

AGENT SEEKS MRS. STOUT

Chief Witness in Investigation Sought for Two Days at Colonial Beach.

HAWKEN ALSO ON THE TRAIL

Woman Who Started Present Investigation Believed to Have Received Warning.

The inquiry conducted by the District attorney's office into graft charges made against members of the Metropolitan Police Department has resulted in disclosures of such a serious nature that the United States Department of Justice has taken a hand in the investigation.

This became known last night, when it was learned that for several days an agent of the Department of Justice has been making a search for the chief witness in the investigation, Mrs. Margaret Stout.

Mrs. Stout, whose revelations of police graft prompted the present investigation, until about a week ago had been living under an assumed name at a prominent hotel in this city. Suddenly she disappeared. The District attorney's office professed ignorance as to her whereabouts, but stated the woman could be found when wanted. It was added that her testimony was not considered of great importance.

Agent seeks Mrs. Stout. Just how much importance was attached to Mrs. Stout's revelations may be deduced from the fact that an agent of the Department of Justice spent two days at Colonial Beach, Va., in a diligent but fruitless search for her. The agent, J. S. Price, returned to Washington last evening.

Raymond O. Kleindienst, the former police detective who was sentenced to prison for having maintained improper relations with Mrs. Stout, recently spent several days at Colonial Beach. When questioned by The Herald's staff correspondent there as to the rumored disappearance of Mrs. Stout he replied: "She is gone and has been gone several days."

It is understood that Mrs. Stout made a second trip to the beach and that the Department of Justice, learning of this trip, sent an agent to apprehend her and detain her for the investigation. However, Mrs. Stout succeeded in eluding the agent. It is believed she was warned by Washington persons who are anxious to prevent her reappearance in the investigation.

Until last night it had not been known that the Department of Justice had interested itself in the graft inquiry. Whether its co-operation was requested by the District attorney's office or whether the department learned that the police situation was of such serious nature as to demand its interference could not be learned last night.

Although Price would not admit that he was in search of Mrs. Stout, The Herald learned from two sources that he cannot be questioned, that the woman was the object of his mission.

Hawken Also on Beach.

Price spent two days at a Colonial Beach hotel, but did not register. A desire to evade interrogators and keep his presence unknown was evident. He did not stop at a place where agents of the Department of Justice are apt to put up. On the contrary, the place he selected was precisely of the kind that might have been chosen by the woman whom he was seeking.

That the authorities are keenly desirous of apprehending Mrs. Stout is evidenced by the fact that Assistant District Attorney Hawken, who has worked tirelessly on the investigation since its beginning, also was a visitor at the Beach yesterday. He was seen in the company of Price. He seemed nervous when approached by a Herald reporter.

"Oh, I'm just down here for a little pleasure," he explained. "Here is my automobile. Good-by."

Persons who saw Mr. Hawken at the Beach yesterday say that the kind of pleasure he was seeking seemed to consist in endless running back and forth up and down, as if he had been in search of some one.

The District attorney's office yesterday continued its investigation of the police graft situation, bending its efforts toward running down every available bit of evidence before presenting its vast array of facts before the grand jury. Samuel McComas Hawken, assistant District attorney, who has charge of the examination of witnesses, still is examining persons supposed to be acquainted with the graft situation and more witnesses are to be summoned within the next few days.

## Dynamite Found Under U. S. Ship

Three Sticks Discovered in Philadelphia Dry Dock Containing Cruiser.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—It became generally known today at the League Island Navy Yard that three sticks of dynamite had been found in the yard's big dry dock in which the auxiliary cruiser *Prairie* is now being overhauled.

At the commandant's office, inquiries as to the circumstances under which the dynamite was found were met either with silence or denials, but both bluejackets and marines joined with workmen in describing what was apparently an attempt to damage the huge dry dock.

It was said that had the dynamite exploded the dock would not only have been materially injured but the *Prairie* would probably have suffered serious damage.

Extra precautions have been taken to guard the yards from spies. The cruiser *Tennessee* was weighing anchor in the Delaware River preparatory to taking more artillery battalions of marine corps to Haiti, when the news of the finding of the dynamite was circulated. Blue jackets had business-like revolvers in holsters at their belts instead of the customary rifle, to keep all visitors from the dock.

BRIDGEPORT AGAIN SHAKEN BY RIOTS

Scores Hurt When Strikers Attack Policemen—More Workers Walk from Factories.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 26.—Strikers attacked policemen at the Salts Textile Company plant today. Stones were hurled and more than a score of persons were hurt. Several policemen were slightly cut.

The Acme Shear Company, the Porcupine Boiler Works Company, the Bridgeport Boiler Company, the McCathorn Boiler Works Company, and the Crane Company suffered from strikes today. The latter plant was crippled when 200 men quit.

Further complications were given to Bridgeport's labor situation when fifty freight handlers employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad walked out today, joining the 110 who went out yesterday. The management of the Star Shirk Company, where 400 girls are on strike, posted a notice closing the plant indefinitely.

The E. H. R. Smith Silver Company announced voluntarily that it would place its workers on an eight-hour basis.

SUBMARINE MENACE ENDED, BRITONS TOLD

Earl Selborne's Statement in Line with Reports of Capture of Many U-boats.

London, Aug. 26.—"The British navy has the submarine menace well in hand," said Earl Selborne in an address here today.

This statement adds evidence to recent unofficial reports that a large number of submarines has been sunk and captured by British naval vessels during recent months.

While official reports have mentioned the sinking of only one submarine, in addition to the announcement today that a British aviator had sent a submarine to the bottom, it is believed that the hundreds of small craft which are constantly patrolling off the coast have succeeded in accounting for a large number of the raiders.

London, Aug. 26.—During the week ending August 25, nineteen British merchant vessels with a total tonnage of 75,000 and three fishing vessels were destroyed by submarines or mines according to a statement of the board of trade tonight.

BOILER BURSTS; BOY KILLED.

Many Injured in Accident in Maryland Cannery Factory.

Cambridge, Md., Aug. 25.—Billy Robbins, 15, son of Capt. James W. Robbins, was instantly killed and many others injured in one of the most serious disasters that has ever taken place in this county today when the boiler of the cannery factory of Robert L. Simmons exploded. The immediate cause of the explosion is not definitely known, but it was probably due to the defective condition of the boiler.

WARSHIPS DESTROY U BOATS.

Allied Fleet Bombs German Submarine Sheds at Zebrugga.

London, Aug. 26.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam states that the allied warships bombarded the submarine sheds of the Germans at Zebrugga and destroyed several submarines.

Kaiser to Call Out Landsturm.

Amsterdam, Aug. 26.—As a result of the serious situation facing the Teutonic allies in the Balkans, Germany is preparing to mobilize more troops. Advances from Berlin today state that the landsturm reserves have been notified to be ready to respond to a call to the colors.

2,000 to Atlantic City and Return, \$2.00. American's Greatest Seaside Resort, Sunday, Aug. 29, Baltimore and Ohio, from Union Station, 7:15 a. m. Returning, leave Atlantic City 6:00 p. m. same day.—Adv.

## AUSTRIAN ENVOY WHOSE TRUNKS WERE LOOTED



Dr. Constantine Theodore Dumba, Police officials at Lenox, Mass., are endeavoring to apprehend the person who rifled the trunks and bags of Dr. Dumba. Dr. Dumba says he thinks the burglary was inspired by persons who wished to obtain secret papers. He had his most important documents with him, however. The \$5,000 worth of jewelry was untouched.

EDISON TO AID OF U. S. SUBMARINES

New Device, O. K.'d by Official, Will Rid Divers of Deadly Gases.

New York, Aug. 26.—The new electric batteries for submarines, invented by Thomas A. Edison, today were pronounced successful by Lieut. Commander Bailey at the New York Navy Yard.

The salient feature of the new battery is that it is used in place of lead, thus eliminating the generation of chlorine gas which in the past has proved so deadly to crews of under-sea boats.

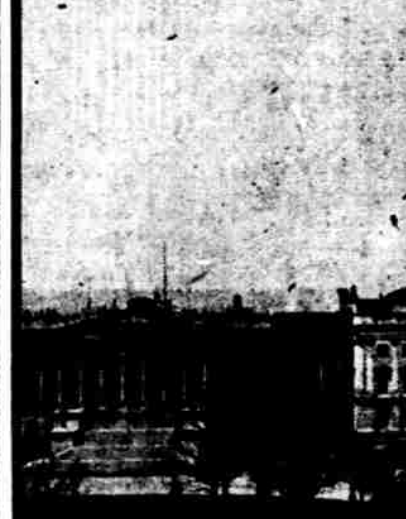
Lieut. Commander Bailey conducted his experiments with the submarine K-6 and today reported his success to the department at Washington.

About a year ago Edison visited a diver with Secretary Daniels and immediately set to work to find a substitute for the lead battery. Chlorine gas, it was said, caused the death of the men on the submarine lost some months ago off Hawaii.

New Destroyer for U. S.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—The torpedo boat destroyer, Porter, named for Admiral David Dixon Porter, one of the naval heroes of the civil war, who also fought in the Mexican war, was launched this afternoon at Cramps Shipyard.

Little Miss Georgianna Porter B. Casachis, 11 years old, granddaughter of the admiral, christened the ship.



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## GERMANS YIELD TO DEMANDS OF UNITED STATES

Orders to Submarine Commanders Revealed by Chancellor's Statement.

FINAL AGREEMENT NEAR

Officials Confident Controversy, Which Began in May, Will Be Cleared Away.

BERNSTORFF SEES LANSING

Ambassador Certain Issue Between the Two Governments Will Be Promptly Adjusted.

The critical situation between Germany and the United States over the submarine issue is rapidly moving toward a settlement satisfactory to this government. Germany has given indisputable evidence that she has finally yielded to the principal demands of the United States government and will enter into an understanding with it in regard to future protection for Americans traveling on the high seas.

This favorable turn applies to the entire submarine controversy. Washington officials are confidently expecting that the difficulties with Germany which have harassed this government since the Lusitania was sunk are about to be cleared away.

This optimism is based on the public statement of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, on a report which the State Department received yesterday from Ambassador Gerard detailing an interview which he had had with the officials of the Berlin foreign office, and on statements made by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in a conference with Secretary Lansing yesterday.

Final Understanding Expected. There is reason to believe that instructions are about to be sent from Berlin to Ambassador von Bernstorff which will authorize him to take action with a view to reaching a final understanding with this government on the submarine issue.

The statement made by the German chancellor to which so much importance is attached by United States officials was in this sentence: "Only after all these circumstances (in regard to the sinking of the *Arabic*) have been cleared up will it be possible to say whether the commander of one of our submarines went beyond his instructions."

This is the first acknowledgment by the Berlin government that it has issued orders to its submarine commanders restricting their methods of operation. It is accepted here as evidence that Germany has quietly yielded to the demands of the United States and issued orders of the admiral, christened the ship.

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## Britain Takes Over All Arms Factories

London, Aug. 26.—The official press bureau announced tonight that all the ordnance factories in the British empire have been transferred to control of the ministry of munitions during the period of war.

GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP BREWING IN RUSSIA

Leading Members of Legislative Bodies Confer on Proposed Change.

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—Twenty-four leading members of the Duma, and the council of the empire have been meeting the last few days to arrive at a joint decision on the question of how best to reorganize the government.

The discussions dealt with three main questions—the necessity of a strong, energetic prime minister, an agreement of constitutional political parties to support him, and the character of the program immediately required.

As regards the identity of the "providential statesman," only one name is on everybody's lips—Kerensky. Hitherto, he has persistently declined the highest office of the government, because he did not consider the guarantees of support sufficiently effective to enable him to cope with the situation. There is good reason to believe his reluctance presently will be overcome.

With Kerensky at the head of affairs, Russia expects to have an end to all doubts and hesitations, and it is hoped, for the good of this country and her allies, that the new premiership will be no longer deferred.

VILLAGE WASHED OFF MAP.

McClelland, Ark., Ceases to Exist When Levee Breaks.

Cotton Plant, Ark., Aug. 26.—McClelland, Ark., was practically wiped off the map today by waters flowing through a break in White River levee. Its 500 population deserted the town before daylight, but a family of eight negroes were reported drowned when the wagon they were riding in fell into a ditch by the side of the road and the path of the creaks. Dwellings and business houses were washed away and the inhabitants of the village have come to Cotton Plant for protection.

JAPANESE ARMS IN RUSSIA.

Great Quantities in Use Now Against Teutonic Armies.

Lausanne, Aug. 26.—Dispatches to Vienna newspapers from the eastern front state that the Russians are now employing many Japanese guns and great quantities of Japanese ammunition against the Teutonic allies.

A considerable number of guns captured recently by the Austro-German forces were of Japanese manufacture.

Jealous of Young Wife, Kills Her. Corey, Pa., Aug. 26.—Jealous of his young wife, Fred Braedon, 40, shot and killed her early today, and then committed suicide.

## SAYS GERMANS WOULD NOT AID U. S. IN WAR



ALPHONSE G. KOEBLER.

Alphonse G. Koebler, of New York, lawyer and native-born American, president of the German-American Society of New York City and honorary president of the German-American Alliance of New York State, who returned from Germany on the *Hottentot*, says that in the event of war between this country and Germany the alliance would also refuse to carry arms against the Fatherland.

CHILDREN STARVING, SHE KILLS HER WOOPER

New York Matron Gives Herself Up After Shooting Artist, Who Stole Her from Husband.

New York, Aug. 26.—Clasping in one arm her young baby, Mrs. Rose Trano, 29, and pretty, today stood in a Brooklyn hallway and shot to death James Montery, 35, an artist and musician.

Still holding the baby, the young woman went out on the sidewalk and gave her pistol to a passing policeman, to whom she surrendered.

Mrs. Trano told the police she shot Montery because he refused to support her and her children after winning her love and causing her husband to leave her.

"My two children were without food, and when he refused to give me money I shot him," she said.

TURK CABINET SPLIT.

Ministry at Odds Over Persecution of Christians.

Mitylene, Aug. 26.—Reports of a wide split in the Turkish cabinet are daily gaining credence. The cause of the difference is stated to be the present cruel persecution of Greeks and Armenians.

The persecution is the work of Enver Pasha and Talat Bey, but the grand vizier strongly disapproves of this policy and has even gone to the length of tendering his resignation unless the persecutions are stopped. Particulars are also given of an Armenian rising in the province of Van. The town of that name is said to be in the possession of the insurgents and the Vail, who is a kinsman of Enver, has been wounded.

WORSE COMING, BRITISH TOLD.

Lord Selborne Warns Meeting of Further Sacrifices.

London, Aug. 26.—A solemn warning to the British people that they must make the maximum sacrifice if they hope to beat Germany was sounded today by Lord Selborne before the Agricultural Society.

"Next year men will have to be taken from all agricultural districts for the army and their places must be taken in the fields by women," declared Lord Selborne. "More and more men must join the colors. Our sacrifices in the future must be greater than ever."

EDISON'S BURNS NOT SERIOUS.

Danger of Loss of Sight After Accident Is Passed.

Orange, N. J., Aug. 26.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, was at work in his laboratory at Silver Lake today, suffering no serious effect from the splashing of potash that came near destroying his sight yesterday. His right eye was badly inflamed, but it was said there was no danger of the sight of either eye being effected. An assistant upset a quantity of liquid potash and it sprinkled the face of the inventor.

SUBMARINES SCORE TWICE.

Swedish and British Steamers Are Sunk by Germans.

London, Aug. 26.—The Swedish steamship, *Disa*, 788 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew was landed today. The *Disa* hailed from Gelfe. She was built in 1902.

The British steamship *Windsor*, 6,055 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. Her crew was rescued by the Norwegian steamer *Haytor* and later transferred to the New Zealand liner *Remuera*. The *Windsor* hailed from London.

## Ship Armed Against Subs Held Up by U. S.

Newport News, Aug. 26.—Because she is carrying a 4-inch gun mounted on her deck aft, custom officials here today refused to grant clearance papers to the British steamer *Waimana*, pending instructions from Washington. The *Waimana*, which is 10,000 tons gross, carried a New Zealand registry. She arrived here today from Marseilles and is en route to Buenos Ayres in ballast.

The *Waimana* is the first armed merchantman to enter a United States port since the German submarines started warfare on merchant shipping.

NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY SUED FOR HOTEL BILL

Former U. S. Charge d'Affaires in Mexico Served with Papers While Soldiering at Plattsburg.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Aug. 26.—An item gleaned by the war correspondents at the Plattsburg encampment of the Business Men's Regiment was picked up today in the county clerk's office when a summons and complaint against Corp. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, former charge d'affaires in Mexico, were filed by the Ritz-Carlton Restaurant and Hotel Company. It is alleged that he owes a bill for \$15.11 with interest from December 1, 1912.

The papers were served at the encampment. Sheriff J. W. Moore, of Clinton County, and D. S. Lombard, his deputy, do not explain how they got by the sentries, but somehow they did.

"FAULT OF GARRISON," ROOSEVELT'S COMMENT

Secretary Knew He Was Going to Speak to Soldiers at Camp. Colonel Declares.

New York, Aug. 26.—In a statement here this afternoon Col. Roosevelt said: "Nearly three weeks ago it was announced in the public press that in addition to President Wilson and Secretary Garrison some scores of private citizens had been asked to go to the Plattsburg camp, where it was expected they would speak to the men.

"It is, of course, impossible that Secretary Garrison can have been ignorant that we were asked, and if he desired Gen. Wood to notify us in advance what we were expected to say or leave unsaid it was clearly his duty to direct the general accordingly.

"When the War Department, after three weeks public notice had no objection to my coming they stopped themselves from any right to criticize Gen. Wood because I was coming or because I did not submit my speech in advance to the administration for approval.

"I am, of course, solely responsible for that speech and until yesterday Gen. Wood had no more idea than Secretary Garrison what I was going to say.

"It was delivered outside the line of tents and one-half of the audience was made up of men and women from the surrounding country."

HUNT ARABIC BODIES IN VAIN.

Those of Americans Can't Be Found, Is Report.

New York, Aug. 26.—Cable advices tonight to the White Star line offices here, regarding the *Arabic's* passengers, state that, despite earlier dispatches, the body of Mrs. Josephine L. Bouguille, of New York, has not been found, nor has the body of Dr. Edmond P. Woods, the second missing American. The British admiralty reports that, although about boats have continued a thorough search, only two bodies have been recovered, one probably a steward and the other an unidentified woman.

Careful inquiry now fixes the total number of passengers lost at eighteen with twenty-five members of the crew, an additional member of the latter having expired in the hospital at Queens-town, making a total of forty-four persons.

U. S. TROOPERS KILL MEXICANS.

No American Casualties in Battle Near Santa Maria.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 26.—Five Mexicans were killed and two American cavalry horses were slain in a battle between the Mexicans and American soldiers near Santa Maria, Aug. 25. The Mexicans were killed in the morning after a night of heavy fighting.

Garibaldi's Grandson Wounded.

Rome, Aug. 26.—Ezio Garibaldi, grandson of the famous Italian patriot, has been dangerously wounded in the face. He received his wound during a charge.

Holy War Against Italy.

Athens, Aug. 26.—Advices from Turkey state that the Sheikh-ul-Islam chief priest of the Mohammedans, has declared a holy war against Italy.

## BREST-LITOVSK LOST, RUSSIANS ON LONG RETREAT

Formidable Stretch of Marsh and Forest Faces the Grand Duke.

GERMANS HOT ON TRAIL

Slavs Harassed by Fast Cavalry Near Breaking Point.

Teutons Approach Grodno and Olita. London Expects Them to Be Evacuated Too.

London, Aug. 26.—Brest-Litovsk, Russia's mightiest fortress and nerve center of the Bug line of defense, has been captured by German and Austro-Hungarian armies under Field Marshal von Mackensen and Prince Leopold, of Bavaria, after one of the shortest sieges in history.

The grand army of Russia is in hasty retreat to the eastward, pursued by great forces of Teutonic cavalry. The loss of Brest-Litovsk makes it imperative that the Russians abandon the whole of the second line, upon which they depended to stop the Teutons after the fall of Warsaw, Kovno and Grodno, at the extreme end of this line already are in German hands. The smaller fortresses of Grodno and Olita are the only ones still held by the Russians. Both are being approached by the Teutons. They probably will be evacuated when they have served their purpose of protecting as long as possible the Muscovite retreat.

Face Dangerous Retreat.

Announcement of the capitulation of Brest-Litovsk was contained in a short statement issued this afternoon by the German war office. The honor of the capture goes to the Austro-Hungarians, who stormed the fortress on the western and northwestern fronts after they had been silenced by the mighty German guns. The fighting raged throughout the night, coming to a sudden halt early this morning, when the Russian center was pierced and the conquerors forced their way into the heart of the stronghold. The Russians then capitulated.

Deprived of their strongest fortress and concentration center, the Russians face a retreat of 120 miles before they can reach another lateral line of railways, such as that which made the Bug defenses so formidable. The line of retreat lies over a difficult country of vast marshes and forests. Harassed by large mobile forces of cavalry, the Russians, after keeping perfect order in all their retreats from the Duna to the eastward and finally from Warsaw, now, it is believed in Berlin, will become badly disorganized.

Will Fight in Swamps.

There is considerable speculation here over the quick fall of Brest-Litovsk. British military critics express the belief that the Grand Duke Nicholas decided not to make a long defense of the stronghold after the German outflanking maneuvers became threatening and decided to withdraw and take up new positions to east. Where these positions will be they are not prepared to say, but the belief is they will be on the line extending from Riga through Dvinsk, Vilna, Lida and Baranovichi to Kovno. It is 120 miles east of Brest-Litovsk. There are no intermediate fortifications at which the grand duke could make a stand.

There in the wetting swamps of White Russia, it is believed, the grand duke will face the foe. Military critics consider the Germans committed to a further advance into the tractless wastes of Russia, with the winter coming on.

Advance Seven Miles a Day.

The Russian retreat is leading from Brest-Litovsk along the railway leading eastward to Moscow, by way of Kobrin and Pinsk, and the line running north-east to Simion, where the Vilna-Rovno line crosses it. This movement tends to uncover the flank of the *Caar's* extreme southern army in Galicia, and will result in its withdrawal.

The German advance from Warsaw to Brest-Litovsk was made at an average speed of between six and seven miles a day. It led across vast swamps, and the German engineers worked night and day to build plank roads and bridges for the heavy guns.

The fortress itself was one of the mightiest in Europe, and it was the Russian empire.

Center of Five Railways.

Some experts rate it as most important strategically than Warsaw. It stands at the confluence of the Bug and Mухометов rivers, 120 miles west of Warsaw. It was the meeting point of five railways, radiating to all the important sections of Russia. It was connected by rail with Odessa, Moscow, Leningrad, Warsaw, Vilna and other points to the west.

The Russians lavished money on its defense, which was believed to be impregnable. Soon after the beginning of the war until the fall of Warsaw it was headquarters of the Russian general staff.

Loss of fortresses was taken calmly in Petrograd tonight.

Columbia Theater today, noon, continuous; Fannie Ward in Marriage of Kitty.—Adv.